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2, AND 3 - QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAM REDUCTION IN COMMITMENT  
REQUEST (TAC NOS. MC4402, MC4403, AND MC4404)

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We have briefly reviewed your application and determined that additional information will be needed to complete our review. We will also need to review the National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program. As a result, we do not anticipate providing you with the request for additional information until the end of March 2005 at the earliest. Therefore, we request that you refrain from implementing this change until you have been formally notified otherwise. We will provide you with the request for additional information as soon as it becomes available.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (301) 415-3062.

Sincerely,

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